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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this patent application entitled "Mooring Arrangement" by Eirik Storvoll et al., please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.